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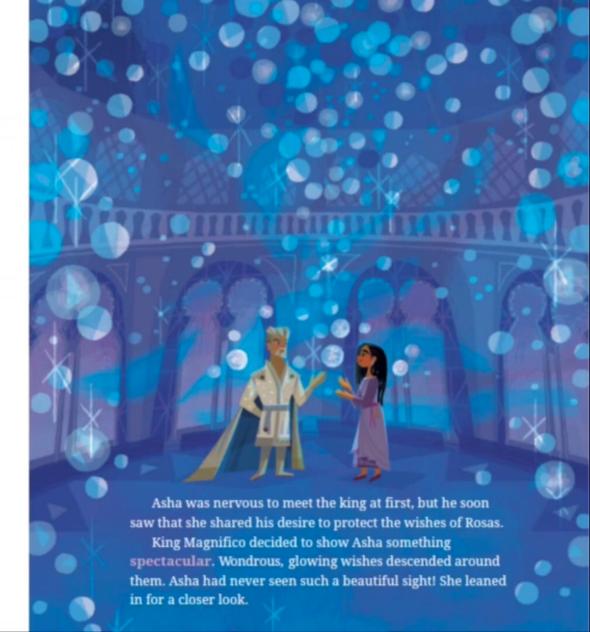


Asha visited her friends in the castle kitchen before her meeting. Hal, Bazeema, Simon, Dahlia, Dario, and Safi all wished her luck—but grumpy Gabo wasn't as supportive.



The kind **Queen Amaya** arrived to lead Asha to the king. She had noticed Asha's generosity and recommended her for the role of his apprentice.



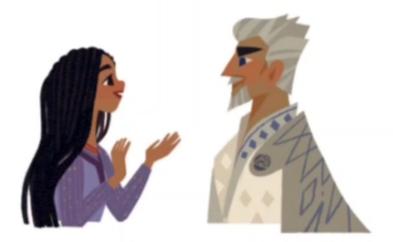


# There it was!

Asha saw her grandfather's wish floating among the others. He wanted to create something to inspire future generations.

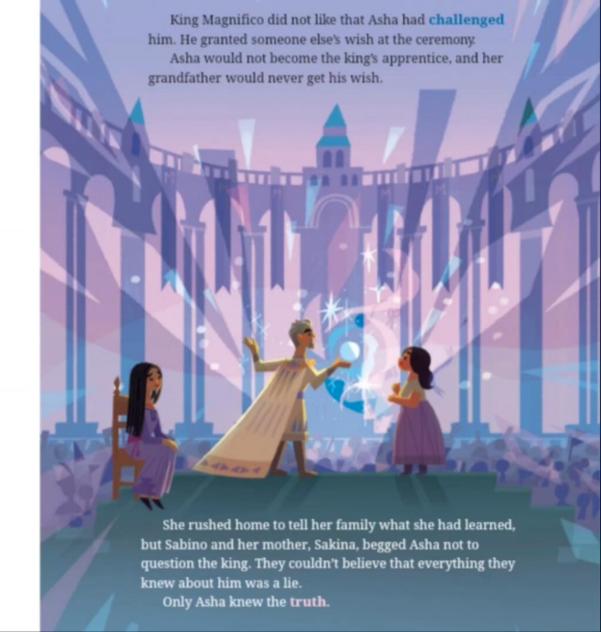


She asked King Magnifico if he could make her saba's wish come true at the upcoming wish-granting ceremony.



Magnifico grew stern and told Asha he would **never grant**Sabino's wish. He revealed that most of the wishes would never be granted.

"My saba is good. The people of Rosas are good," Asha replied. "They deserve more than just false hope."









Asha needed to keep Star a secret, but she also needed help with her plan. She tried hiding Star and Valentino in the chicken room near the castle kitchen so she could find her friends. But when Star's magic made the chickens burst into song, her friends quickly found her instead.

They were amazed to discover a real-life star!





everyone in Rosas to gather. Asha's friends had to go, but they promised to keep Star a secret.

Her best friend, Dahlia, agreed to stall Magnifico and showed Asha a contraption that could carry her (and Valentino and Star) up to the king's study so they could rescue Sabino's wish.



Dahlia asked the king questions to keep him away from the castle, but that encouraged the crowd to start questioning the king, too! Angry with their requests, Magnifico stormed back into the castle.



Asha was overjoyed to reunite her grandfather with his wish. Suddenly, King Magnifico burst into her family's home and crushed Asha's mother's wish in his hands!



With her family safe, Asha vowed to return to the castle with Star and Valentino to defeat the king and free everyone's wishes. "I started this. I have to finish it!"



Back at the castle, Queen Amaya was concerned.

King Magnifico had called upon **forbidden magic** to form an all-powerful staff. He had seen Star and wanted to capture the ball of light for himself.





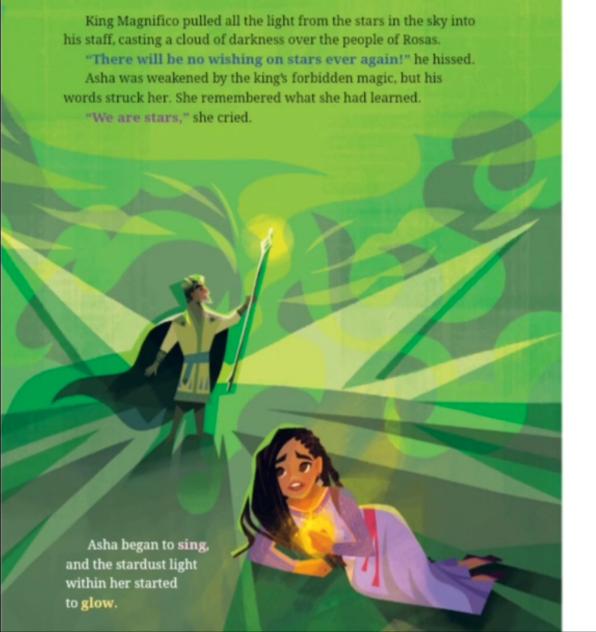
But King Magnifico emerged and used his **forbidden magic** to capture Star in his mirrored staff!

All of the wishes of Rosas fell to the ground like stones.



Then the king aimed his staff at Asha, binding her with coils of **glowing green light** so she couldn't break free.





Soon the **whole kingdom** joined in Asha's song. Their hearts glowed **brighter**, until the dark clouds disappeared and the night sky twinkled once more.

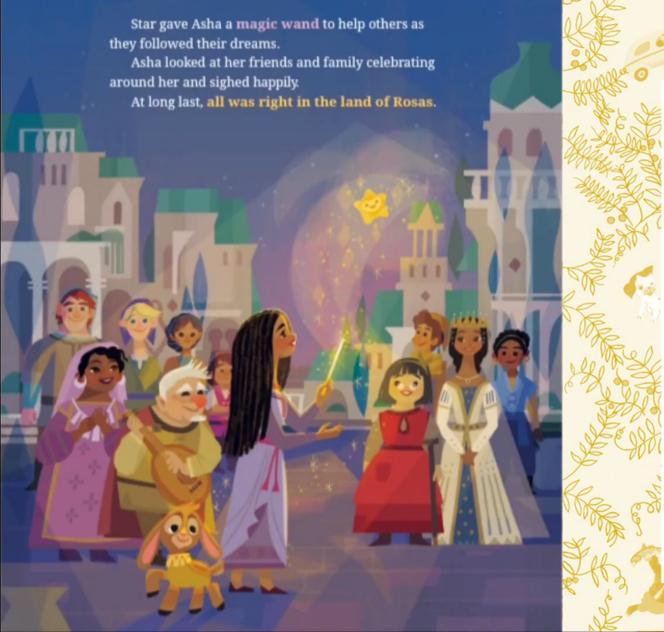


Then, in one giant blast, the king's forbidden magic lost all its power!

Star was **released** as Magnifico was sucked into his



The people cheered as their new leader, Queen Amaya, vowed to protect their freedom to pursue their own wishes.



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